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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

COMMIE 'CONSPIRACY'

The Communist "conspiracy" to take over the United States isn't nearly as real a menace as the suppression of unpopular beliefs and the distortion of truth practiced by some defenders of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Among the complete untruths in a letter on page 8 are the following:

- That my basic knowledge of the strategy, tactics and objectives of Communism in America is nil.

- That I did not read the testimony of Joseph Morris Graham before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

- That I couldn't be bothered to find out the facts and truth of the Communist "conspiracy."

(As a matter of fact, I spent more time researching and writing this story than any I have written for the East Bay Labor Journal.)

- That the House Un-American Activities Committee bends over backward to be fair.

(Nonsense!)

DISTORTIONS OF TRUTH

In addition, the writer of the letter makes some other strong insinuations which distort the truth:

- That I was defending Communism, rather than a man's right to his job and protection by his union.

- That the Communists are about ready to take over the United States.

(If so, let's prosecute them under existing laws in our courts, rather than waste taxpayers' money on with hunts which produce practically no ideas for legislation — which is what a Congressional committee is supposed to do.)

However, I'm not too worried about borsers from within in the United States. Let's fight Communism with freedom of thought — which Communism denies.

This idea is behind our policy of publishing letters on all sides of issues.

LABOR'S CANDIDATES

The Alameda County Central Labor Council is among labor councils which have asked for abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

One reason is that the HUAC uses these distortion tactics to smear non-Communist liberals, many of whom are in the labor movement.

It's too bad the Democrats in California's congressional delegation, many of whom were elected with labor support, didn't see fit to support Congressman James Roosevelt's recent efforts against the HUAC.

Were they afraid of the smear?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Steelworkers sue Pabco --demand \$1,400,000!

Local 1304 also asks for contract ruling

A \$1,400,000 damage suit by East Bay Steel Machinists 1304 was on file this week against Pabco Products, Inc.

Local 1304 seeks the damages on behalf of itself and its members, who were locked out three days before their contract expired in 1959.

The union also asks the Alameda County superior court to declare its contract with Pabco in effect, both then and now.

During the bitter strike which followed the '59 lockout, members of some building trades and other unions went through Local 1304's picket line.

Pabco filed a \$1,300,000 damage suit against Local 1304, which is still pending in the courts.

Local 1304 had maintained contractual relations with Pabco's Emeryville plant since 1937, representing maintenance employees employed by the company.

Its contract called for 60-days' notice of termination, according to Lloyd Ferber, business representative for Local 1304.

UNIONIST JAILED

At one point, Dave Arca, recording secretary of the Steel Machinists, served three days in the county jail on a contempt charge growing out of the picketing.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash was authorized to go to Washington, D.C., to confer with AFLCIO President George Meany on the picket line crossing.

The Local 1304 suit was filed Tuesday, Feb. 28, by attorneys representing the Steelworkers.

Ben Rasnick running for secty.-treas. of D.C. 16

At the Painters District Council 16 meeting of Feb. 16, Ben Rasnick of Painters 40 announced that he would be a candidate for secretary-treasurer of the district council in June.

Rasnick is senior business representative of District Council 16; vice-president of the California State Conference of Painters; trustee of the Bay Area Health, Welfare, Vacation and Pension Funds, and a delegate to various central bodies.

Berkeley Painters 40, Richmond Local 560, Martinez Local 741, and Hayward Local 1178 have endorsed Rasnick and pledged their support in the June election.

Partial BTC victory on prevailing rates

Building trades craftsmen employed by the Oakland Housing Authority have won their fight to receive prevailing rates, at least for the present.

But the authority has indicated it wants to pay gardeners and laborers only \$2.60 an hour — 44½ cents below the union rate.

Since most of the authority's employees are gardeners and laborers, the unions' battle is only partially won, J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council, pointed out Tuesday night in a report to delegates.

The authority finally received permission from the U.S. Public Housing Authority to pay craftsmen — carpenters, painters, etc. — the prevailing union rate just recently, Childers said.

He said the housing authority will hold a special meeting Monday afternoon, and that the laborers and gardeners will protest their \$2.60 rate.

In addition, Childers pointed out, the prevailing rate of \$3.04½ will automatically go up May 1.

U.C. DISPUTE
Childers announced that there will be no action on the sick leave-disability insurance con-

troversy involving building tradesmen who work for the University of California until April.

A letter was read from C. J. Haggerty, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department and member of the U.C. Board of Regents.

Haggerty said U.C. Vice-President Morgan would present the latest BTC compromise to U.C. President Clark Kerr for future discussion with a Regents' committee of which Haggerty is a member.

However, Haggerty pointed out he will not be able to attend the March meeting of the Board of Regents because of the Building Trades Department's legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

BTC MEETING CANCELED

Because of the legislative conference, BTC delegates voted to cancel their March 21 meeting.

Business Representative Childers was granted seven days' vacation to be taken in connection with the Washington legislative conference.

STATE CONFERENCE

The council also voted to send a delegate to the first legislative conference of the State Building Trades Council.

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Labor Council refers import debate to board

Should unions fight all foreign imports as threats to American jobs?

Or should we support the Kennedy Administration's efforts to put the free world back on its feet through foreign trade — continuing the policies of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations?

What action should the Central Labor Council take about an Oakland Art Museum book which was printed in Japan and carries the names of Oakland city officials?

How many of the "made in U.S.A." goods that we buy are wholly or partially made overseas by U.S. corporation?

These were some of the questions raised in a Central Labor Council debate Monday night, the second such debate in three months on the subject.

After much discussion, in which several examples of government and corporate disregard for American jobs were revealed, the matter was referred to the labor council's Executive Committee by a standing vote of 44 to 33.

NAVY YEARBOOKS

John W. Austin of Typographical 36 opened the debate with a motion that the CLC protest purchase of materials outside the United States by the Armed Forces.

Austin referred specifically to Navy yearbooks, printed each time a vessel ships out. Many were formerly printed in a Berkeley shop. Now they are printed in Japan, and the number of printers employed by the Berkeley firm has dropped from 30 to 15.

The motion to refer was made by Paul Katz of Cemetery Workers 322, who said America's role in the world should be considered before job interests.

COPE Executive Board to interview candidates

Candidates for mayor of Oakland and all Berkeley city offices will be interviewed by the Executive Board of the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) Wednesday, March 15, starting at 9:30 a.m., according to Robert S. Ash, secretary.

Regular meeting of COPE delegates will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, in the Labor Temple.

AFLCIO union wins 'highest' pet food plant wage at Calo

What is believed to be the highest wage scale for production employees of a pet food manufacturer anywhere has been negotiated by the AFLCIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers at Calo Pet Food Co., 1755 Embarcadero.

The AFLCIO union won a National Labor Relations Board election at Calo last November, defeating Local 119 of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers (BCW), which was expelled from the AFLCIO.

The AFLCIO union, also known as Local 119, reached agreement with Calo effective Feb. 26.

Plant workers will receive wage increases totalling 30 cents per hour. Of this, 15 cents went onto paychecks Feb. 26. The second 15 cents will become effective Feb. 26, 1962.

At this time, wage scales will range from \$2.72½ to \$3.05 an hour.

Gene De Christofaro, AFLCIO representative, said this is about 50 cents an hour more than em-

ployees of any other pet food manufacturer in the United States.

De Christofaro and Archie Goodman, vice-president of the AFLCIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, assisted in negotiations.

The negotiating committee included Ray Parks, Edgar Huey, Ralis Rogers, John Rodriguez and Richard Reed.

'HIGHEST CALIBER'

De Christofaro said the relationship between the company and the AFLCIO union is "of the highest caliber."

"We are proud to proclaim that the Calo plant is a 100 per cent union shop with the best working conditions in the pet food industry," De Christofaro added.

"ABC AFLCIO Local 119 would also like to thank Alameda County Central Labor Council Asst. Secretaries Dick Groulx and Art Hellender for their efforts in bringing the Calo workers back to the AFLCIO House of Labor," De Christofaro said.

HOW TO BUY

Wage earner bankruptcies rise

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The number of bankruptcy cases, especially those involving wage-earners, has risen to a new all-time high, reports Commerce Clearing House, national business law authority.

So sharp is the increase that the American Bar Association has set up a committee to find out the reasons. The committee reports that bankruptcies have increased 400 per cent since 1950, and are expected to show an increase of 35 per cent more in the first half of this year, compared to 1960.

Linn K. Twinem, head of the committee, reports that the bar association, legal aid societies, labor unions and federal bankruptcy referees all are cooperating in this investigation of the reasons for increasing bankruptcies and ways to solve the problem. Representing labor is Robert C. Mayer of the AFLCIO General Counsel's Office.

What's particularly alarming is the extra large increase in personal or "consumer" bankruptcies.

Twinem reports that 75 per cent of the bankruptcies in 1940 involved wage earners, and 25 per cent businesses. But in 1960, 90 per cent of the larger total number of bankruptcies involved wage earners, and only 10 per cent businessmen.

Not only is the number of actual bankruptcies rising, but so is the number of cases involving debt extension plans for wage earners, say Commerce Clearing House. These cases are filed under special provisions of the Bankruptcy Act which permits wage earners to postpone payments of their debts under court supervision.

REASONS behind the growing number of bankruptcies are something you and your organization ought to know about, so you can know how to cope with such problems.

The most immediate reason is the recession and unemployment. Many working people have reached the point where they simply have no assets left. Twinem points out that it is noticeable that few of the recent bankrupts had any remaining assets left to pay creditors.

In California, the plight of wage earners has reached the point where Governor Pat Brown has asked banks, utilities and landlords to use "restraint" in collecting bills.

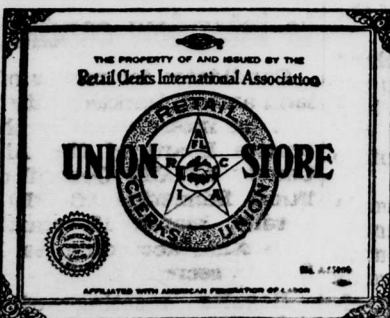
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Business papers pointed out that this is the first time a California governor has found it necessary to make such an appeal since the big depression of the 1930's. Governor Brown said "a great many people are being dispossessed" or are having electricity, gas and water cut off.

CALIFORNIA, of course, is not the only state where working families are having this problem. Illinois and Oregon also are experiencing a particular problem with bankruptcies.

It's significant that these three states are so far out of line, with more bankruptcies even than heavily industrial states like Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York.

The large number of bankruptcies in some state occurs because the laws in those states permit harsh collection methods, such as severe garnishee procedures, and the requirement to pay a definite judgment even after the installment purchase has been repossessed.

WAGE EARNERS subject to being fired by their employers for garnishees tend to take the extreme action of going into bankruptcy.

The Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago also urged the Illinois legislature to correct the notorious credit abuses there.

In '59, the U. S. District Court in Chicago handled 10,000 bankruptcies, of which an estimated 88 per cent involved wage earners, compared to only 300 in New York, where "tight credit laws hold abuses to a minimum."

Nine state, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, and also the District of Columbia, do not allow wage assignments, while some states, like Indiana, at least require that wage assignments be agreed to in advance by employer and the employee's wife.

When you sign a wage assignment, you give your creditor the right to go to your employer to collect on your debts without first getting a court judgment.

Pays to watch gas hose jockeys

A man drove into an Oakland gas station and told the attendant to fill 'er up.

He was a state undercover agent, and his tank was specially calibrated to hold only 6.2 gallons. The attendant charged him for 7.2 gallons.

Just to make sure, the agent visited the same station a second time. This time, he paid for 8.3 gallons.

As a result, Roy Stark, owner of the station, was sentenced to ONE DAY in jail!!!

William A. Kerlin, state chief of weights and measures, said his division plans to use similar cars all over the state.

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89 new credit unions by labor

Eighty-nine new credit unions were formed by labor groups during 1960, according to the Credit Union National Assn.

A total of 1,248 credit unions now serve unions exclusively. The credit union association points out that thousands of other unionists are served by credit unions organized by other groups.

George Meany, AFLCIO president, said during January:

"For many years, organized labor has actively supported the credit union movement in this country and has endorsed the formation of credit unions for the use and benefit of trade union members."

Meany said union members are better off borrowing "at honest minimum rates" from credit unions that using small loan companies or installment plans.

Labor groups formed 12 credit unions in California last year, the largest number in a single state.

Paul Popenoe talks in Oakland

"A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he really wants, and a woman will spend \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't really want."

Thus, Dr. Paul Popenoe, family life expert, dipped into sales psychology in telling a recent Oakland audience how to make their marriages successful.

"One of the major sources of trouble in marriage is that husbands and wives don't understand the many basic differences between male and female in attitudes, values and behavior," Dr. Popenoe said.

"Once a couple understands these differences, many of their marriage difficulties can be smoothed out, from battles over the budget to lack of sexual harmony."

Other sources of friction include:

- How to handle the children.
- Lack of companionship.

More companionship straightens out other difficulties, including sexual maladjustment, Dr. Popenoe believes.

"Sexual maladjustment is more often a symptom than a cause," he said.

Dr. Popenoe said "all religions, the Catholic included, seem pretty much in agreement that the family should be limited to the number of children the parents can properly care for."

The lecture was under auspices of the Planned Parenthood League of Alameda County.

Explodes supply, demand theory

The theory of supply and demand was exploded by Theodore J. Kreps, professor of business economics at Stanford University, in a recent San Francisco talk.

Speaking before a regional conference of the American Assn. of School Administrators, Kreps said:

• "Imperfect and monopolistic competition" allows sellers to set prices.

• Buyers are swayed by irrational appeals, "including sex, envy, conceit and subliminal selling."

• Most buying is "impulse" buying, not planned purchasing.

• Managerial power rests in relatively few hands.

• There is an "imperative need" to develop the social responsibility of executives.

Consumer item

Five ways to protect yourself against high finance charges are described in "Consumer, Beware!" a booklet just reissued by the AFLCIO Department of Publications, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C., for 10 cents a copy.

Luncheon

The Typographical Auxiliary Charter Day luncheon will be held at noon Thursday, March 16, at the home of Elizabeth Fee, 2249 Oregon St., Berkeley.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THREE cost-of-living items appeared in the Bay Area press last week.

• The famous Heller Committee at the University of California reported that the cost of living in the Bay Area in 1960 rose 3½ per cent.

• The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said nationwide prices in January, 1961, were one-tenth of one per cent under those of December.

However, the Government said a slight decline is not unusual in January.

• In San Francisco, the bureau's regional office said food prices in this area dropped one-tenth of one per cent in January.

RECESSION unemployment, it seems, is accompanied by prosperity prices.

The recession hasn't affected price levels yet, with a few exceptions.

One, cited by Robert J. Myers, deputy U. S. Commissioner of labor statistics, was a 2 per cent drop in women's clothing.

Women's and girls' clothing prices now average only 99.1 per cent of the 1947-49 price level.

The government says sharp price cuts in women's coats and suits and girls' coats were largely the result of January sales, and that disappointing December volume may have made merchants cut prices lower than usual after Christmas.

However, bad weather in many part of the nation may have had something to do with price drops in both clothing and used cars. Used car prices were down 2.5 per cent in January, but new car prices asked by dealers remained unchanged.

U. C'S HELLER Committee, taking a yearly view rather than a monthly one, uses an "average" wage earner's family of four (wife and two children: boy, 13 and girl, 8).

It cost this "average" wage wage earner \$6,892 to keep pace with rising costs last year if he owned his own home.

Cities used for pricing included Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro, Richmond, Walnut Creek, San Francisco, South San Francisco, Burlingame and San Mateo.

The Heller Committee reports on actual spending habits, not what an average family "ought to have."

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Gov. Brown says... labor's program and his the same

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown's program of "responsible liberalism" and that of organized labor are the same.

This is what the governor told more than 600 persons—including top officials of the State of California, the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO) and the Alameda County labor movement—last Saturday night.

Speaking at the Alameda County Central Labor Council's testimonial dinner for him, Brown discarded his prepared speech and said:

"I'm proud to say that I think my program goes right down the line with yours."

Sometimes, the governor added, labor's program moves "a little faster and a little further... but that's the way it has to be."

INNOVATION VS. RENOVATION

Governor Brown said his 1959 legislative program was one of innovation. This year's is one of renovation.

In 1959, his program had the impetus of a million-vote margin in the preceding November's election, the governor said.

This year, he is concerned more with quality than quantity in trying to fill needs not covered during his first two years in office.

RE-ELECTION HINT

The governor jokingly hinted he's thinking about '62.

Referring to his critics, he said:

"The thing I'd like to have after this governorship is all over — and I'm not suggesting it should be over too soon — is that I want a dam named after me, because I want it to be known as the Brown Dam rather than as the damn Brown."

LABOR FRIENDS

Brown said the people in the

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New CLC delegates

New delegates seated at the Feb. 27 Central Labor Council meeting include: David Brundney, Post Office Clerks 47; Steve Harenda, Optical Technicians 505, and Matt Simmons, Steelworkers 1798.

You can still file for extended jobless pay back to Feb. 26

Unemployed workers who have exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits should file for extended benefits right away if they have not already done so.

You can still file for up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, retroactive to Feb. 26, under the Shaw Bill passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown two weeks ago.

If you are in doubt whether you are eligible for extended benefits, go to your local office of the State Department of Employment and file a claim for them.

Should the department refuse to take the claim, ask for a written determination and file an appeal.

These are some of the suggestions sent out to all AFLCIO unions by the CLF.

"A year ago when extended benefits under the Miller-Collier Act became available, thousands of individuals failed to claim benefits because they did not realize they were eligible," according to Thomas L. Pitts, CLF secretary-treasurer.

Pitts and other labor officials met with State Department of Employment chiefs just before the Shaw Bill was passed Feb. 24 to discuss procedural and operational problems requiring solution so that the legislation may be of maximum benefit to jobless workers.

Anyone who has exhausted his regular benefits and is unable to file a regular Unemployment Insurance claim because of insufficient earnings will become eligible to file for extended duration benefits under the Shaw Bill if (a) his previous benefit year expired on or after Nov. 1, 1960, or (b) he has already exhausted benefits on an unexpired benefit year," Pitts said.

"Even if the claimant has been declared ineligible because of the operation of the so-called lag quarter, or 75 per cent rules, the individual should immediately file, since he may well be entitled to benefits.

"In view of the legislative delays which have made it impossible to give advance publicity to this Act, the Department of Employment should be requested in accordance with previously established regulations, to back date any claim made prior to March 11, 1961, for any individual (otherwise eligible) who delayed making his claim because of lack of knowledge of his right to extended benefits."

DELAY POSSIBLE

Because of the necessity for processing checks and vouchers, Pitts added, there may be a delay of two weeks after first certifying before getting paid.

This, however, is not a waiting period, Pitts stressed. If eligible, claimants will be paid two checks at that time.

'Arbitrary' increase in hours for county workers protested

County employees in two departments have, in effect, had their pay cut by an increase in their work week, the Central Labor Council protested this week.

The labor council adopted a resolution submitted by East Bay Municipal Employees 390.

Jay Johnson, Local 390 business representative, accuses County Administrator Earl Strathman of trying to sabotage the 37½ hour week for county employees by increasing it to 40 hours in individual departments.

Involved in the current dispute are Welfare Department and Division of Public Works personnel.

Those in the Division of Public Works affected are Court House janitors. Virtually the entire Welfare Department force is involved.

Johnson said Strathman tried to end the 37½ hour week for all county employees about two years ago but was rebuffed. He believes Strathman may be trying to accomplish his goal now

by putting department on a 40 hour week, one at a time.

CLC RESOLUTION

The Central Labor Council accuses the county of ending the 37½ hour week in the two departments "arbitrarily."

The labor council points out that the increase in hours:

- Is contrary to prevailing practices in surrounding public jurisdictions.
- Adds to the unemployment problem.
- "In essence violates an understood, if not contractual, condition under which employees were hired and have worked, some for many years."
- Reduces earnings by raising hours without raising pay.

The majority of county employees, except those covered under Section 14 of the County Charter, were on a 37½ hour week until the recent switch.

The Central Labor Council urges that all employees not covered by Section 14 be on a 37½ hour week.

Still time to sign up for ACLU's HUAC seminar

It's still not too late to register for the seminar on the House Un-American Activities Committee, to be sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Marina Junior High School, San Francisco.

For information on registration, call EXbrook 2-4692.

Milk Drivers 302 will sponsor puppets again

Milk Drivers 302 will sponsor the puppet theater at Children's Fairyland, Lakeside Park, again this year.

Children's Fairyland will open its 11th season Wednesday, March 15. The puppet theater, under direction of Tony Urbano, will present shows at 11 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays.

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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Blood money for blood, but don't be frightened. Just read on, my friend, to be enlightened.

By now, each 1304 member should have received an application for our 1304 Blood Bank Program. Many have failed to return the application to our Union office.

We now appeal to the lovely wives of our members to see that the application gets to us BEFORE April 1, 1961.

As dependents, the wives and children of our members need the protection of our Blood Bank. If circumstances arose, involving a use of blood, you either must replace the blood, or pay the prevailing blood costs.

Our plan provides all the blood you need at \$2 per year.

Please, time is short. We start our program April 1, 1961. The next opening date for those who fail to get their applications in before April 1, 1961, is July 1, 1961, at which time a 90 day waiting period will be in effect.

To avoid the waiting period, tell your Old Boy to get his application in to us before April 1, 1961.

Don't miss this magnificent bargain. All the blood for you and your dependents at \$2 per year. You can't afford NOT to join.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The California State Apprenticeship Contest will be held at the California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo, California, on June 15, 16 and 17, 1961, and will be open for fourth and fifth year Pipefitters and Plumber contestants. Apprentices participating in this contest are the winners of their respective local union contests. The winners of the fifth year Pipefitter and the fifth year Plumber contests will be eligible to participate in the United Association's eighth annual International Apprenticeship Contest and Instructors Training Course to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 14-18, 1961. Winners will receive \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 for first, second and third places, respectively.

The 1961 Instructors Training Course, third phase of the five year plan, will also be conducted in conjunction with the International Apprenticeship Contest. Upon completion of the course, the instructors will receive certificates from the University Extension Administration of Purdue University.

Important: The California

Legislature has passed legislation which provides for reactivation of the State Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits Program. Anyone who has exhausted his regular benefits and is unable to file a regular unemployment insurance claim because of insufficient earnings will become eligible to file extended duration benefits if his previous benefit year expired on or after November 1, 1960, or if he has already exhausted his benefits on an unexpired benefit year. Now, if you are in doubt about your eligibility, go to your local Department of Employment and file a claim for extended benefits. If the Department interviewer refuses to take a claim, ask for a written determination and file an appeal.

The books of the union have been audited by Strong, Meredith and Ronneau, certified public accountants. A financial report will be mailed to all members of this union in the near future.

Steamfitters Credit Union

By JOHN WILLIAM ORR

Most people think of the credit union as just a loan company or a convenient place to borrow money when they can't borrow any place else.

Actually, the credit union program is a thrift program, first and last. Thrift includes, but is not limited to, the accumulation of cash. Basically, thrift is the use of one's resources — income, credit, intelligence, health, skills, education, personal and community relationships — to obtain the most good from life, for one's self, one's family and one's community.

Specifically, thrift includes measures taken to provide a source of low cost credit, for provident purposes, and to provide for loved ones in case of illness or death.

When we extend our credit purchases beyond our income, we are not practicing thrift, but we are inviting financial disaster.

We are practicing thrift when we organize our purchasing and seek the lowest financing we can get. This low cost financing can be found at your credit union, and we urge you to use your credit union for all your purchases. We also urge you to save consistently in your credit union. The money you save helps others to save consistently in your credit union. The money you save helps others when they need to borrow more than they have in shares.

Budget your income, practice the thrift program and make a habit of saving in your credit union.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Painters Local No. 40

By GENE SLATER

District Council 16 and all its affiliated local unions can be proud of the part each played in being the host council for the 25th State Conference of Painters Conventions held in Oakland February 24, 25 and 26. It was a very successful convention and the committees are to be congratulated for their efforts in the overall program. Entertainment of the delegates and their guests was well planned and I heard nothing but praise for the ladies' luncheon, the cocktail party and the banquet.

Attendance at the convention sessions was reported to be the highest for many years. The meeting hall was full all days. A total of 117 delegates registered.

Our days were very full listening to many speakers including Gov. Brown. The subjects and speeches were the best I've heard at any convention, also many resolutions were presented for the delegates' consideration. The resolution on the jurisdiction of the hanging of vinyl and plastic type wall coverings brought about the hottest discussion on the floor. It seems most delegates agreed this is the painter paperhangers' work, but they seem to think that each area must iron out its own problems. As we do have a very serious problem in our council, we, as painters, have our work cut out for us until this jurisdictional problem is resolved.

On the legislative program, the most important was on the following three subjects:

Bacon-Davis Modernization Bill to include fringe benefits, hours of work and overtime to be set on "prevailing" basis for bidders on work under this program.

The On-Site picketing bill which will give the building trades the right to picket at construction job sites.

It was also reported that a bill will be introduced this year in Sacramento for a minimum standard on paint and painting specifications in the state building code. This is much needed legislation and deserves our whole-hearted support.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

We need your money. Dollars and half dollars add up surprisingly fast. Add any small amount every week. It will help you and help your credit union and your fellow members. It will give you the assurance that you will be able to get an emergency loan if you should need it.

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Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Notice: If your unemployment insurance has been used up you are eligible for the extended benefits. File immediately.

During these days it is urgent that you and your wife become more particular and insist on quality in the things you buy. We must combat the sloppiness prevalent in our ways. We must return to a high standard of excellence in all our dealings with each other.

Our moral fortress needs strengthening and an appeal for help must be made to our finer convictions in order to counter the attacks of our adversaries.

The delegates to the State Conference of Painters in Oakland two weeks ago were of one mind on at least one subject — it was the best convention in all respects in many a year. The fine results were produced by hard working Bro. Les Moore and his committee and DC 16 as the host.

Reminder: Check with the office if you think your welfare eligibility may be running out due to no work. You may be self-covered at \$15 a month.

Yes, the work seems to have picked up some. The office received several calls last week — so keep in touch!

And fear not — we're all in the same boat.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

There are 308 on the list by Tuesday morning; this is a drop of about 20 over last week. There are several permits out, on which lots have been cleared of houses, but that is as far as the job progresses. One has been standing there for over three months. As long as it looks like rain, things won't move much. However, all the contractors say it will be a good year, so they are still optimistic.

The special call Friday the 10th concerning the first reading of by-laws should be worth your attendance. I hope you come down.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Our insurance carrier has notified us of an increase in the rate for the insurance coverage part of our health and welfare program. We are at the present time discussing the costs of our insurance coverage with other insurance companies. We do not know how successful we will be but we will keep you informed.

If you read the current newspapers the past week you will have seen that one of the largest service organizations is increasing its rates considerably this coming month also.

We consider ourselves fortunate over the past years in having been able to provide such high benefits for such low cost. How much longer we can keep on with this remains to be seen.

It is unfortunate that all the watchmakers in Northern California do not belong to this organization. I say this because during the past week we received two reports on price advertising violation. One occurred in the city of Palo Alto and the other in the city of Stockton. Neither of these areas has any union watchmakers nor know the regulations of our union agreement. Therefore we take no action in these cases.

We do not believe that the watch repair industry deserves the support of this organization in any areas that do not contribute to the upkeep of the organization. Maybe the day will come when all watchmakers of northern California will be organized under this local union and at that time we can take care of such unethical practices wherever they may occur, the same as we do in our own area.

There was a sharp, short blaze of fire in Granat Bros. watch repair department last week in the Mission Street factory. Fortunately, not much damage occurred except a blackened watch bench and the side of a wall. The flames were extinguished immediately, before the fire engines arrived, by some of the boys with a fire extinguisher on the premises. One of the boys had accidentally dropped his cleaning solution jar and in some manner the fumes became ignited and the thing went poof.

I know all of you understand the danger in handling your cleaning solution but I just wrote this in order to give you a warning to be as careful as you can at all times.

Executive Board meeting: Thursday, March 16, 1961, 7 p.m., Union office, 693 Mission Street, Room 707, San Francisco.

TO COORDINATE recommendations on legislation with the California Labor Federation, Central Labor Council delegates have voted to refer all legislative actions to the CLC secretary's office.

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The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The meeting hall will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Lobby.

At our next regular meeting, March 21, 1961, there will be a special order of business to consider additional monies to purchase furniture for the offices and halls for our new building.

April 4, 1961, will be a special called meeting of Lodge No. 1546 held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

This meeting is for the election of all Grand Lodge officers, Delegates to the AFL-CIO, Canadian Labor Congress, and members of the Committee on Law.

Absentee ballots may be mailed to members who reside in outlying districts more than 25 miles from the lodge room and to members who are ill and confined under doctor's orders also temporarily absent from city.

Members who desire, and are eligible for, an absentee ballot must send their request for same in writing to the recording secretary at least ten days prior to date of election.

Only those absentee ballots will be counted that are returned in a sealed envelope marked "ballot" prior to the closing of the polls.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Meets on third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Are your dues paid?

Fraternally,
ED MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Meets first and third Fridays each month at 8 p.m. in Mel's Bowl (South Shore Room), 312 Park St., Alameda.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd.

Stewards will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Social Committee will serve refreshments after the Friday, March 31, meeting.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 1961, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif. at 8 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.

2. To ratify the labor agreement between Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local No. 444 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada and the Utility Mechanical & Industrial Pipe Work Contractors.

3. To ratify the labor agreement between Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada and the Ransome Torch & Burner Company.

4. The president and vice-president will appoint a building committee of 12 in accordance with Executive Board minutes dated February 1, 1961.

It is of utmost importance for you to attend union meetings and participate in the union's affairs.

Fraternally yours
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

W. V. V.

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next meeting, to be held Thursday, March 16, 1961, has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on two resolutions: namely, changing the apprenticeship monthly meeting night, and financial procedure to be used in the depositing and releasing of monies in connection with the Blood Bank fund.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

W. V. V.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

At this meeting nominations will be open for one auditor.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

For all members employed in the shipyards, there will be a special meeting Sunday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m.

The long awaited Blood Bank is finally becoming a reality. It will go into operation on Saturday, April 1, at which time there will be a meeting of the participants to elect officers for the program. This is also the deadline for submitting applications. Make a note to attend, Saturday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting of March 10, 1961, has been designated a special meeting for the election of one trustee for a term expiring in June, 1962.

Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Membership meeting, Friday, March 24, 1961, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
ELLA BAINES,
Recording Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Your union officials are now in negotiations with the Employers of the maintenance contractors. They offered a sick leave program and want a three year agreement with wage increases of eight cents per hour each year. At the union meeting in February the members voted to reject this offer. Further negotiations will take place and another vote will be taken at our next meeting on March 24, 1961, at 7 p.m.

Also, the second reading of the revised constitution will be held and then the vote to adopt will be taken.

Please attend your union meetings and take part in the important business of running your union.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Business Representative

W. V. V.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held March 21 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

W. V. V.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Your next meeting occurs on a lucky day, Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Here's hoping it will be a lucky day of all of us as well as the Irish. Let's all honor the good saint from whence comes the name, and our Irish friends, by wearing the Shamrock, the emblem of Ireland.

The last meeting was a give and take hot discussion that was settled in an amicable manner and that will cause no adverse reaction to either party in the months to come.

You should have been at the meeting also to hear the reports made by the delegates to the recent convention of the California State Conference of Painters at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland. From these reports; reports of delegates to our local affiliates, and contents of communications read from several sources relative to our well being in this changing fast pace of life, and efforts of the officers of our affiliates, both state and nationwide to retain and gain other benefits for the members of our brotherhood. Consider the many benefits gained in the past ten years, and the many more that are now and will be acted upon in the years to come over the U.S. You know as well as I that the responsibility of these present benefits and those to come is in the hands of the officials of our brotherhood, both state and nationwide and their connections with legislative bodies over the nation.

The payments for these benefits have in the past and will in the future continue to be paid as dues and assessments by the members of our brotherhood. It cannot be denied that the benefits gained have been many and well worth the money. I think you know who has been responsible for these gains. I'll sign off with a question: Despite the benefits mentioned, why the apathy and disinterest on your part in attending the meetings?

The report of the delegates to the California State Conference will be available in the office the later part of next week.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

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CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., March 16, 1961.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. March 22, 1961.

You are requested to attend a special called meeting, Friday at 8 p.m., March 10, 1961, at 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif., with the following items on the agenda:

1. Hear the reports of the California Carpenters Convention delegates.

2. Hear the first reading of the new Local Union 36 By-Laws.

3. See a twenty minute movie on the conditions of the agricultural workers of California.

4. You are also asked to bring any discarded clothing for these farm workers. These may be children's, women's and especially men's work clothes. Here is a chance to help your less fortunate brothers and families of California.

PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

W. V. V.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held March 21, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

W. V. V.

BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

This is to advise you that the next quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 1961 at the hour of 8 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

As per By-Laws a penalty of \$5 will be imposed for non-attendance. Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 8:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
JOE B. WANGBERG,
President
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

W. V. V.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held April 1, 1961, at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, California at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

W. V. V.

COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th Assembly District Committee on Political Education (COPE) will screen candidates for the Hayward Junior College District on March 10 and 17, 1961, at the Culinary Hall, 606 B St., Hayward.

Fraternally
R. H. FITZGERALD,
Secretary-Treasurer

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

We have talked about wall-paper and various wall coverings from almost every angle, covering methods pretty thoroughly, and the relation of all wall coverings, both decorative and protective, to the long history of paperhanging. However, there seems to be one phase of the trade that has been sadly neglected. It is that of protection for the paperhanger in our collective bargaining agreement.

We spell out a great length the size of a brush a man is strong enough to lift, what can be sprayed and what can't, etc. All of us know the paperhangers are operating and also know that the General Constitution of the Brotherhood permits hanging by the roll. It occurred to me that it would be interesting to find out how the paperhanger is protected in other areas, so I have requested and received copies of contracts from New York, Philadelphia and Kansas City, places where the paperhangers are in the union where they belong, under a contract which offers them a realistic wage and real protection.

Having hung a few strips of WALL COVERINGS myself, I was quite pleased to find places where they take these things seriously.

If you are interested in further details, stop by and see me or leave your phone number at the office.

Pin Rail

By WILLIAM PELKEY

Everybody seems to be getting nicknames. Jack Craig, alias the Fearless Leader or the Prodder. Now I have inherited the cognomen of Snooper, thanks to Charlie Schlosser. Howard Goss and I were guests of Charlie Schlosser and his charming wife, Florence, this last week. I'm sure I speak for Goss as well as myself when I say Charlie and Florence are the finest host and hostess you will ever find. I don't think I ever saw an empty glass all the time we were there. It was during our stay I was christened Snooper. Charlie also said he would like to write this column once so he could mention a few things about me.

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ALAMEDA COUNTY'S labor movement paid tribute to Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown last Saturday night at a testimonial dinner. The governor, second from right, is shown being greeted by, from left, Russell Crowell, president of the Central Labor Council; Robert S. Ash, CLC executive secretary, and Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation.—Photo courtesy of Oakland Tribune.

Gov. Brown says labor's program and his the same

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Alameda County labor movement are his friends.

"During my entire political career," he said, "the people around and in this room have been helpful to me."

He also paid tribute to the Kennedy Administration.

"You have a President of the United States at the present time that's not satisfied to move in a little direction. When they (the Administration) think it's the thing to do," Brown said, "they move in every direction."

Brown illustrated by telling how the White House asked him to intervene in the Western Air Lines strike and in the House Rules Committee fight.

HUMAN SIDE

The governor said he's had some tough decisions to make in the last two years.

"I know I've made some mistakes, but I hope I've always erred on the side of being human."

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, presided as master of ceremonies.

Ash introduced a long list of state and labor officials, who took time out from their official duties to join the Alameda County labor movement in paying tribute to California's governor.

The crowd included Albin Gruhn, president; Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer, and virtually the entire Executive Council of the California Labor Federation.

Despite the fact that the California Democratic Council was meeting in Santa Monica last weekend, there were about 15 top state appointive officials present, as well as State Sen. John Holmdahl, and Assemblymen Carlos Bee and William Byron Rumford.

Pitts, Superior Judge Monroe Friedman and John Lynch, member of the State Board of Equalization, spoke briefly. The Rev. Lorraine L. Cross of Berkeley gave the invocation.

Judge Friedman said:

"If a body of law were in existence that could meet the demands of today, it would not fulfill the demands of tomorrow."

"We must harmonize the claims of stability with progress, of liberty with equality, and both of them with order."

"We must respect property rights, but not press them to the point where they threaten the general welfare."

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CLC reaffirms stand on scab import measure

The Central Labor Council this week reaffirmed its support of Assembly Bill 428, prohibiting importation of strikebreakers, which comes up before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee March 23.

The action was requested by the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Labor briefs: Labor Federation asks emergency action on jobs

Emergency action to relieve unemployment was urged last weekend by the Executive Council of the California Labor Federation.

The 36-member council, meeting in San Francisco, called the job situation "the worst in 25 years in some areas of the state."

Reports from unions of jobless rates from 20-50 per cent far exceeded the official statewide unemployment rate of 8 per cent listed by the Department of Employment.

At the 62nd national convention of the Glass Bottle Blowers' assn. in Los Angeles this Monday, Gov. Edmund G. Brown pledged to join labor in defeating any attempt to revive the "right-to-work" issue in California.

Teamsters President James R. Hoffa won another battle in his war against reforming the Teamsters Union last week when

U.S. Judge J. Dickinson Letts signaled the end of the Board of Monitors and authorized a convention.

The AFLCIO Executive Council, meeting in Bel Harbour, Fla., approved a three-cent per member per month assessment for a total of 18 cents, spread over a six-to-nine-month period.

Proceeds will go toward organizing the unorganized, including farm workers; participation in free world labor programs, and legislative and political activity.

The labor-supported California Committee for Fair Practices announced a legislative conference in Sacramento April 15-17 to demand passage of Assembly Bill 801, the Hawkins Fair Housing Act.

The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency 8-3 last week.

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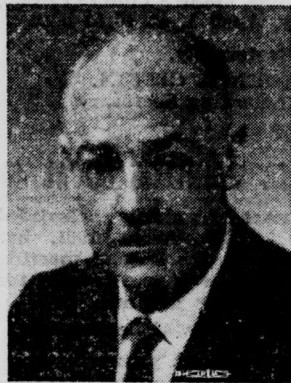
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BTC wins partial victory in Oakland housing pay fight

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and Construction Trades Council April 17-19 in Sacramento.

According to a letter from Bryan P. Deavers, president of the state council, the conference has been called "for the purpose of assisting and supplementing the activities of the Building Trades' legislative program."

CHILDERS' REPORT

In addition to the Oakland Housing Authority pay dispute, Business Representative Childers reported on four jobs that had been picketed for varying periods of time.

At the IDES Hall in Hayward, Childers said, both the builder and the board of directors had refused to remove a non-union electrician. He said directors were scheduled to meet that night (Tuesday) to consider further action.

One member of the board of directors, Childers reported, had apparently resigned over the continued employment of the non-union electrician. Childers identified the individual only as a union plumbing contractor.

Childers reported that there had been a temporary shutdown Tuesday morning over a dispute between the Laborers and the Piledrivers.

OFFICERS ALL PRESENT

All council officers answered the roll call at Tuesday night's meeting.

President Joseph Pruss Sr. and Secretary John Davy said it was the first time in their recollection that all of the BTC's officers were present at a meeting.

NEW DELEGATE

J. M. Stone of Roofers 81 was seated as a delegate.

Louis H. Thomas of the same union was re-seated by the council.

Hayward Carpenters Auxiliary 465 plans full list of March activities

March promises to be a busy month for Ladies Auxiliary 465 to the Carpenters Union.

Wednesday, March 8, was the regular monthly business session at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward. Members heard reports by delegates to the state convention, held in Anaheim in February. Representing the auxiliary were Mrs. Melvin M. Hemenez, president; Mrs. J. O. Hindmarsh, past president; Mrs. Arthur J. Goularte, conductress, and Mrs. Gus Toensing, unofficial observer.

It was announced from the convention, that Mrs. Hindmarsh was elected director of District 5 and will represent Bay Area auxiliaries on the council.

Mrs. Roy Pugh will be hostess to the group for sewing projects in her home on Fuller avenue, March 15th at 10 a.m.

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day is the date for a shamrock party at Mrs. Gus Toensing's home at 8 p.m. Purely social for members and their friends.

Social meeting of the group will be held March 22nd at Mrs. Toensing's home on Paradise boulevard.

March launches with renewed interest the many activities of the group which includes family parties and philanthropic projects in which it participates. Members are urged to take an active part in the projects in order to achieve the goals for a fully participating member of auxiliaries on a nationwide affiliation of the AFLCIO organization, according to Mrs. Anthony C. Lopez.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash thanked all who attended and helped with the Brown testimonial dinner at this week's labor council meeting. He said a final report on proceeds has not been made.

Arms control agreement near? Ash reports on U.C. seminar

The United States and the Soviet Union are believed to be near agreement on arms inspection, those attending a union seminar on "Labor and the Free Society" at Santa Rosa recently were told.

Paul Seabury, associate professor of political science at the University of California, made the statement, according to Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council secretary.

Ash reported on the seminar to the Central Labor Council.

Seabury, an official of Americans for Democratic Action, warned, however, that arms inspection by Soviet teams might bring a resurgence of McCarthyism in the United States.

DISARMAMENT

Ash also reported on talks by Lt. Gen. Robert Cannon, commanding general of the Sixth Army, and Robert Pickus, executive secretary of Acts for Peace in Berkeley.

General Cannon, Ash said, urged military strength as a deterrent to aggression by other nations. Pickus called for disarmament.

Ash found fault with the arguments of both. Pickus, he said, wanted to have one country, preferably the United States, call all its troops home and hope other countries do the same.

On the other hand, Ash said, the general's idea to keep building up armies did not seem acceptable, either.

EFFECT ON ECONOMY

Ash cited figures used by Rod McIver, senior State Economic Development Agency economist,

on the effects of disarmament on our economy. Millions could be put out of work.

But, McIver said, a \$9 billion cut in military expenditures would make it possible to eliminate income taxes for those with incomes of \$6,000 per year or less.

California is especially dependent upon defense spending, Ash pointed out. Forty per cent of Californians' income comes, directly or indirectly, from defense spending.

However, disarmament would allow the United States to spend vast and needed sums on needs such as education, highways and re-training of persons thrown out of work by the changeover.

The seminar was sponsored by the U.C. Institute of Industrial Relations.

Theatrical Federation to lunch with employers

The Alameda County Theatrical Federation will hold a luncheon for delegates and employers March 16 at the Whistle Stop, Jack London Square.

Crafts included in the federation are Motion Picture Operators, Musicians, Janitors, Stagehands, Local B-82 Doormen and Cashiers, and Bill Posters.

Invitations have already been sent to employers. Cocktails will be at noon and luncheon at 1 p.m.

The committee in charge includes Irv Cohen, Motion Picture Operators; Frank Figone, Janitors, and Jack Craig, Stagehands.

Melvin J. Caughell seeks re-election to Oakland Board of Education seat

Melvin J. Caughell of Automobile Salesmen's 1070 has announced that he seeks re-election to the Oakland Board of Education from District 4.

Caughell was appointed by the Board this year following the resignation of John J. King. He has three children, two attending Oakland public schools.

"I am pledged to high educational goals and vigorous Board of Education policies that permit equal opportunities for every child," Caughell said.

"To attain this goal, I will strive for adequate salaries, good teachers, effective instructional service, responsible administrative leadership, and an informed citizenry."

Caughell believes school board members should visit the schools. He said he has visited at least seven schools in the month since he was appointed.

Educated in Oakland schools, Caughell was student body president at Castlemon High. He attended San Jose State College.

He is a former member of Department Store Clerks 1265.

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AFLCIO should lead way in discrimination fight

Our faith in the AFLCIO was shaken a little last week. The AFLCIO Executive Council sidetracked a plan to kick out unions which practice racial discrimination.

We had looked to the labor movement to lead the way by setting a good example in this respect.

The CIO kicked out unions which were Communist-dominated. The AFLCIO kicked out unions with corrupt leadership, although some remain within its ranks. What's wrong with kicking out unions which say you have to have a certain color of skin to get a job or a promotion.

This is what we have been criticizing employers and Dick Nixon's government contracts committee for.

In Oakland, where we have a large minority group population and some unions that still discriminate, we feel particularly strongly about this.

Apparently Charles Zimmerman, AFLCIO civil rights director, feels strongly about it, too. He quit after the AFLCIO Executive Council turned down the expulsion plan of A. Philip Randolph.

Randolph helped establish the Negro American Labor Council, which has 10,000 members. He has been a fearless fighter against discrimination in unions.

We hope George Meany and the rest of the AFLCIO brass will show some guts, too, when the matter comes up again in June.

Two actions of the AFLCIO Executive Board gave us considerable pleasure:

— \$200,000 was voted to continue work of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AFLCIO) in extending union benefits to California's migrant agricultural workers.

Anyone who heard Norman Smith, AWOC's California director, speak at the Feb. 20 meeting of the Alameda County Central Labor Council should agree that this is one of the best things the AFLCIO is doing today.

— The Executive Council urged the government to charge full corporate taxes to U.S. companies which build "runaway" plants overseas and sell their products in this country.

Recent news items show that: (1) Ford's new smaller-than-Falcon car may be partly made overseas. (2) Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, American Motors and Studebaker-Packard are all involved in the business of producing and selling cars abroad or shipping them into home markets. (3) Thor Power Tool Co. of Chicago has bought complete control of Italy's leading producer of pneumatic tools for construction and heavy industry. (4) A number of U.S. radio and electronics producers fabricate parts for their radio and TV sets overseas for consumption at home.

Congratulations, K. E. Francis!

Postmaster General J. Edward Day, in his first address before employees of his department Jan. 31, said:

"Real career employees can count on security in their jobs and maximum use of their qualifications."

Not long after that, Day called for a thorough review of standards used in the appointment of postmasters.

Day said he was doing this to assure the public that it gets the best possible postmasters.

Appointment of Kenneth E. Francis of Letter Carriers 76 as Oakland's acting postmaster demonstrates convincingly that the new Postmaster General was sincere in what he said.

Francis is a career postal employee in the highest sense of the term. He has been employed by the Oakland Post Office since 1940. While a letter carrier, he was a leader in the union representing his occupation. He retained membership in Branch 76 after appointment as supervisor in the City Delivery Service in 1952 and as general superintendent of mails in 1956.

We congratulate both Francis and the Postmaster General.

All unionists should vote

Local elections will be held in Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland within the next six weeks. First of these city elections is that of Alameda next Tuesday.

Although the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) has made no endorsements in the Alameda city election, we urge all union members who are registered to vote in that city to support the candidates of their choice.

Also, it should be pointed out that there is still time to register to vote in the Oakland runoff election on May 16. Final registration date for this election is March 23.

Revealing the Facts



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON LANDRUM-GRIFFIN ACT

The following was prepared by the regional office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor-Management Reports and distributed by the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO):

Q: What is the term of office for labor organizations as defined by the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act?

A: National and International labor organizations must elect officers not less than once every five years either by secret ballot among the members in good standing or at a convention of delegates chosen by secret ballot. Officers of intermediate bodies, such as general committees, joint boards, system boards, or joint councils, must elect their officers at least once every four years by secret ballot among the members in good standing or by labor organization officers representative of such members and who have been elected by secret ballot. Every local labor organization is required to elect its officers not less often than once every three years. This election shall be by secret ballot among the members in good standing.

Q: Is it necessary to hold a secret ballot election when a vacancy occurs?

A: Title IV of the Act governs only regular periodic elections and does not impose any requirement with respect to the filling by election, or by other methods, of any particular office

which may become vacant between such periodic election. In essence, the law does not require a secret ballot membership vote in the event of a vacancy in office, and the manner of filling vacancies is expressly left to the constitution and by-laws of the labor organization itself.

Q: Does the Act require that each labor organization hire or otherwise use the services of a Certified Public Accountant or Accounting Firm?

A: No. The Act does require every labor organization to file annually with the Secretary of Labor (BLMR), a financial report signed by its President and Treasurer or corresponding principal officers containing information on assets, liability receipts, salaries, disbursements, etcetera, in such detail as may be necessary to accurately disclose its financial condition and operations for the preceding fiscal year.

British view

Whatever else the Kennedy victory may bring, one thing is now certain: in the peaceful competition of East and West the Russians will no longer be able to reckon on incompetent American leadership. At one fell swoop the new President has replaced the dreariest by the ablest Administration of the century. —New Statesman.

SAN LEANDRO PAPER'S EDITORIAL ON UNIONS

The following editorial appeared in the Feb. 27 San Leandro Morning News:

Good works, unfortunately, are seldom heralded by headlines.

The newspapers save the big headlines for stories about gangsters moving into unions and for articles about billion dollar price rigging conspiracy by industrial giants.

These are examples, we like to believe, of the exceptions to the rule. The majority of the labor movement, and leaders of industry are honest in their operation.

This week the East Bay Labor Journal printed some hard facts about good unions. Declared the voice of the labor movement in Alameda County: "No union corruption is right. No business corruption is right."

Russell Crowell, president of the county Central Labor Council declared, "We must differentiate between the union in which an isolated officer goes

bad, and one permeated by corruption."

This is not to mean that the labor movement should try to gloss over the convincing evidence which the McClellan Committee has produced — of sweetheart contracts, gangster tie-ins, looting of treasuries, perversion of the legitimate ends and aims of unionism, denial of union democracy and intimidation and violence. A black eye on the labor movement — whether they are AFLCIO or not — hurts all who carry union cards.

Crowell declares that "there are some unions whose leaders have forgotten how to lead." No union member or officer should forget that the union exists for the rank-and-file membership.

Alameda County is fortunate that both Crowell and Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash stresses the need for responsible labor leaders. Labor leadership in the county has been a clean, vigorous movement with an outstanding record.

OPINIONS

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Editor, Labor Journal:

This newspaper's basic knowledge of the strategy, tactics and objective of Communism in America is nil, as evident in its editorial defense of Morris Graham and opposition of the HUAC. By its own words, this editor was not present at Graham's hearing, nor did it read his testimony. It goes on to say the basic issue in Graham's case isn't whether he's a Commie or not, but whether an employer should be permitted to fire a capable employee for "apparent" political reasons, and questions the witness' accuracy who identified Graham.

Fact: Undercover agent for the FBI Karl Prussion was asked, "Did you, during the course of your experience in the Communist Party as an undercover agent for the FBI, know as a Communist a person by the name of Morris Graham?" "Yes, Morris Graham, during the latter part of my membership, was section organizer."

When Graham had a chance to refute this charge (which these people say are denied them), he called Prussion an informer and invoked the First and Fifth Amendments, rather than deny the charge. He also invoked the First and Fifth when asked if he was section organizer in this area and if he had been state secretary of the Commie Party in Arizona. I find nothing apparent about that.

This editorial says we have courts and legal protections, such as right to cross examine and right to appeal the hearing, which are denied the witnesses.

Fact: The HUAC is not a court but authorized under public law and supported by a vote of 412 to 6 in the House to investigate the extent, character and objects of Communism and to assist the Congress to pass laws to combat this evil. This is not the duty of the courts nor the FBI.

Fact: The American Communist Party is not a political party, nor are its members politicians, but, rather, a conspiratorial wing of the Communist International controlled from Moscow, made up of subversive traitors, bent on the ultimate overthrow of this country and all countries. These members sign an oath pledged to defend the Soviet Union. There is no such thing as an innocent Commie. He knows full well that he's a traitor because people and editors can't be bothered to find out the facts and truth of this conspiracy. They accuse the HUAC of the most unholy crimes.

Fact: Any witness who feels unjustly called before a hearing may present his case prior to the hearing. When he does appear he is allowed to have a lawyer with him. Now what would be the purpose of calling a non-Commie, when the purpose of calling these Commies is to find out the extent of the conspiracy so laws can be passed to combat it?

Had this newspaper checked a little bit, it wouldn't make the charge that witnesses are intimidated. After reading dozens of testimonies, I find it the other way around. The HUAC is heaped with abuse and slander and bends over backwards to be fair.

JIM DAHL,
Member, Commercial
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